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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GREEN of Texas).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 12, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable AL GREEN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, as we set our sights on the week ahead, we pray Your guidance and strength to accomplish the work and the responsibilities You have set before us.

Ready our minds for action. May we prove to be doers of Your compelling will. May our thoughts center not just on the concerns of our constituents, but may we open ourselves to the broader purpose to which You have called us, that we would commit all our efforts to the common good.

Give us self-discipline, that as timelines and schedules, committee meetings, and caucuses all vie for our time and attention, that we would be discerning in our endeavors to use our gifts, talents, and energy as You would have us do.

Sustain us by the hope You set before us. Open our eyes to the multitude of opportunities and possibilities You so richly provide.

Then may we never rest, satisfied in our own accomplishments or on human approbation, but may we find our purpose in Your divine plan and our identity grounded in the grace found only in You.

We offer to You our plans for the week ahead and pray with certitude that we are, indeed, undergirded by the power of Your sovereign name.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. PLASKETT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ROE MUST BE THE LAW OF THE LAND

(Ms. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, last week I was heartbroken when I learned a 10-year-old rape victim from my home State was forced to cross State lines for an abortion because of Ohio's 6-week ban, which became law when the Supreme Court overturned Roe.

Grief quickly became anger because I know she will not be the last victim of an extreme agenda to criminalize abortion nationwide. The overturn of Roe was a direct attack on Americans' reproductive rights, and it is clear that too many support criminalizing contraceptive care, arresting doctors for offering reproductive care, and even charging women with murder because of their fundamental right to decide.

We must make Roe the law of the land to restore women's fundamental rights and protect other victims from harboring the ramifications of rape.

FLEXIBLE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, we must equip workers with the tools for success by empowering employers to play a more influential role in our Nation's workforce development system. To do this, we must embrace a flexible, employer-driven apprenticeship model.

Under the previous administration, a task force composed of business leaders, educational institutions, and trade associations recommended reducing the regulatory burden faced by businesses, allowing them to be flexible in their apprenticeship program requirements to meet the varying needs of different industries.

Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs, IRAPs, help cut through the overly prescriptive and burdensome red tape many new and small businesses face. But the Biden administration killed IRAPs and is actively working to limit job creators' input by doubling down on registered apprenticeships and foolishly ignoring any alternatives.

Ending this innovative and successful program will hurt students, jobseekers, and job creators.

DEMOCRATS STAND FIRMLY WITH WOMEN

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the efforts by House Democrats to protect women from the extreme Republican antiwomen agenda.

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